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crew, 62 cabin and 160 steerage passengers. The number of pieces of

freight viséed was 28,451.

Communicable diseases were reported to the municipal health officer as follows: Smallpox, 1 death; typhoid fever, 3 cases; diphtheria, 2 deaths. The total mortality was 3 foreigners and 146 natives.

COLOMBIA.

Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port—Smallpox decreasing.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended August 18, 1903. Present officially estimated population not obtainable. No deaths from smallpox; number of deaths from other causes,

3; prevailing diseases, smallpox and malarial fever.

General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, not good. The last case of smallpox occurring in this town was July 23, 1903. This case is still under treatment at the isolation hospital. Cases are still being reported at several of the subports in the adjacent lagoons.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disin- fected.
Aug. 12 12 15	Beverly Fort Gaines. Mount Vernon	23	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0

COSTA RICA.

Report from Limon, fruit port—Yellow fever in Limon and vicinity.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gruver reports as follows: Week ended August 20, 1903. Census population, 4,000; number of cases of yellow fever, 4—deaths, 2; number of deaths from other causes, 6; prevailing diseases, yellow fever and malarial diseases.

One death reported above is that of an American, Claud Brewer, of Gulfport, Miss. He was employed as stockman on one of the United Fruit Company's farms at Guapiles and admitted to that company's hospital in Limon on August 5, suffering from malaria. He contracted

yellow fever and died on August 16.

General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very poor. Yellow fever infection seems to be widespread. El Noticiero, a paper published in San Jose, reports 4 deaths from yellow fever at Zent, a small town about 25 miles from Limon. El Dia, also published in San Jose, reports that 2 cases of yellow fever were admitted to the hospital San Juan del Dios from places along the line to Limon. This hospital is in San Jose.

Two of the cases reported this week from Limon came from Matina, about 24 miles from here. One is Mrs. H. J. Mills, an English woman, who died in the Costa Rica Railroad hospital here on August 20. Her

husband is now ill of the same disease in the same hospital.